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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing with regard to the referenced application, please find the following:

1. Response to Second Office Action;

- 2. Declaration; and
- 3. Return postcard.

Please file the above-referenced documents and return the date-stamped postcard to the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions, please call me.

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